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TO-DAY.

Men and women of Chicago, the fate of our country, under Providence is in the hands of its loyal citizens. The hour has struck when we must decide by additional sacrifices of treasure and blood the dread issue forced upon us—*Shall the Republic live or perish?* The rally of to-day should gloriously attest that Chicago is loyal and true. Rally and gather every patriot, to kindle anew the fires of our zeal at one common altar, and from to-day as never before let the stern duty of the war begin. There must be but one place for traitors and treason,—*beyond the Federal lines;* but one party—for the Union, but one country—from the Lakes to the Gulf. Let to-day witness the earnestness of our citizens of every class, and their devotion to these principles. Let stores and places of business be closed, and the day be observed publicly, seriously and earnestly. Read the call, attend the rally, and carry out the purposes and aims of the occasion.

THE SOLDIERS' WHOLE DUTY.

Gen. Pope enunciates a plain principle of war making in the Shenandoah, which certainly never "struck Patterson" or any other of our Generals in Virginia. We are to have no more of this watching and guarding the homes and farms and niggers of rebels in the confederate service. There will be little grain to be watched, for our army and horses will use it; no niggers to be taken care of; for they will all fall in behind our boys and go to work for the Union; no spiteful secesh matrons and vinegar maidens to be guarded, for all such will be sent to their affinities beyond our lines. The Federal armies will make a clean sweep. For just this have the people sent them. Let no one be in a hurry to fall in love with Pope. A few weeks will tell whether his bulls are blunders, or the first enunciated policy of the war sustained by practice, and vindicated by results.

Appropriations for Naval Expenses.

The Naval Appropriation bill, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1863, provides for expenditures to the amount of $43,000,000. Of that amount $11,000,000 are for equipment and repair of vessels, $5,000,000 for ordnance, &c., and $6,000,000 for transport vessels and additional steamers. Authority is given for purchasing ground to extend the Boston Navy Yard, and also for augmenting the hospital grounds, &c., at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The spirit ration is abolished, and the president is authorized to appoint ten midshipmen at large from some of officers who have served their country with distinction in the military service.

Premiums for Recruits.

According to an army order just published for volunteer recruits for old regiments, there will be paid a premium of $3, and for those entering new regiments a premium of $2. The premium must be paid either to the person bringing the recruit, or to the recruit in person, in case he presents himself. The month's pay in advance to regular and volunteer recruits, will be paid under such regulations as the paymaster general may establish. During the continuance of the existing war, $25 of the $100 bounty previously authorized by act of Congress, will be paid to every recruit of the regular and volunteer forces.

Gallant Livingston County.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
PONTIAC, Ill., July 25, 1862.

The Board of Supervisors of this county give $100 dollars bounty to volunteers and *pledge support to families.*

R. B. HARRINGTON, Clerk.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

No More Sods to be Thrown.

OLD ABE'S POLICY.

We find the following in the Washington (July 23d) correspondence of the New York *Evening Post:*

The president yesterday stated, in the hearing of several gentlemen, that he had done with "throwing grass," with mild measures, and henceforth should conduct the war with severity. Rumors have been floating in the street for several days, to the effect that the president was about to issue general instructions to his generals, demanding a more vigorous prosecution of the war, and carrying out in good faith the recent legislation of Congress. From what I hear, I am inclined to believe this is true, and it is probable that such instructions have already been sent out.

A very long cabinet meeting was held yesterday upon the subject, and there was an encouraging degree of unanimity. There is some tenderness towards the border slave States, even upon the question of slavery, but none whatever towards the Gulf and Atlantic slave States. I hazard the opinion that the policy of the government will be to totally overthrow slavery in the cotton and sugar growing States by every method in its power. It will not stick at any obstacles, being confident that the only hope of making those States obedient is to entirely destroy slavery in them. Total abolition in the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, is resolved upon, or I am grossly misinformed. There will be no proclamation upon the subject, but it is none the less the fixed policy of the government. Mr. Lincoln has a prejudice against anti-slavery proclamations, and will quietly inform his generals of his purposes, and will instruct Stanton in the matter now permit them to make any. With slavery abolished in the Gulf and Atlantic States, it will take care of itself elsewhere—will gradually expire.

Humanity Strangled by Red Tape.

[Wash. Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune, 23d.]

An Illinois regiment, (the 63d), which arrived here a few days since, is encamped on Arlington, and encamping in a low, unhealthy place. It found two hundred men upon its sick list. In consequence of some informality in its muster rolls, the Surgeon General could not be convinced that the regiment had been mustered into the United States service, although the men were here with arms in their hands, and accordingly he refused to admit them into the hospitals. After a day's exertion by the soldiers relief committee of Illinois, and by several members of Congress from that State, the colonel commanding the post at Alexandria was prevailed upon to permit the regiment to change its camp to a more healthy location, and to give it an empty building for a hospital.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Cotton Burning—Beauties of Purchasing It of Rebels.

LOUISVILLE, July 25.—There have been several communications to the military prison to-day between Gen. Boyle, W. H. Hopson, recently in the rebel army, who will be sent south of the federal lines.

Advices from Tuscumbia state that 6,000 bales of cotton have been burned by guerrilla scouts in that neighborhood within the past ten days. It is further stated that the rebels in cotton burning discriminate in favor of the true Southern men. They *let them sell and get gold from Union men* and their agents, and then destroy the property thus paid for.

A Rather Doubtful Case.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The British schooner Star of the East cleared her manifest on Tuesday for clearance. The bills of lading were prepared for Long Cayone, off the Bahama Islands. The cargo consisted of provisions and assorted goods, well adapted to the use of the rebels. The deputy in charge of the clearance department of the custom house detained the vessel, and she is now held in this port. The case has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury. The shipments were made almost exclusively through the house of Daniels Evans, who is a negro.

Munificent.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—The city has appropriated $500,000 to the payment of a bounty of $50.00 to each volunteer to supply the quota for this city, a loan to that amount will be negotiated next week.

Up to this time the private subscriptions to the bounty fund, independent of the railroads, amounts to $70,000. The Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad to-day subscribed $25,000.

Obituary.

BOSTON, July 23.—Hon. Reed Williams, died at his residence at Augusta, *Me.*, to-day, aged seventy-nine years.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—Rev. Benj. J. Wallace, editor of the Presbyterian Quarterly Review, died this morning.

MATTERS AT THE CAPITAL.

RUMORS FROM CABINET AND CAMP.

Gen. Pope Still at Washington

WHAT WILL BE THE PROGRAMME.

Prospect of Stirring Work Ahead.

The Postage Stamp Discussion Settled.

THE NEW TREASURY STAMPS.

Rumored Fighting in the Shenandoah.

More of Jim Lane's Appointments.

THE ACCUSER OF GENERAL MITCHEL HAS FLED.

Postage Stamp Currency Adjusted.

New Provost Regulations at the Capital.

CHEERING ADVICES FROM THE INDIANS.

The Rebels Release the Federal Surgeons.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
WASHINGTON, July 25, 1862.

While no credit is given to the New York *Herald's* sensation story about Seward's proposed retirement from the cabinet, on account of the adoption of a vigorous war policy, still it is whispered about that there is some dissention in the cabinet on this point. The fact that C. B. Smith was telegraphed to return to-day, gives color to the supposition that a full cabinet meeting was wanted to settle some matter. It had been announced yesterday that Gen. Pope was to leave by the evening train for his headquarters in the field, and at a late hour, when I telegraphed, it was still generally believed that he had gone, but now it appears that at the last moment he was ordered to remain until Gen. Halleck should return from the Peninsula. Gen. Halleck is not expected back in time now to let him leave for the field before the first of next week. We hear of all sorts of rumors about what Halleck is going to do with the army of the Potomac, and the chief ones are that with naval and other reinforcements an overwhelming advance up James River will be immediately begun, or that McClellan's army will be brought back to Fredericksburg to start a movement on Richmond in direct conjunction with Pope. Of course these reports are only valuable as showing the course and conjectures well informed people are taking. The general expectation at Pope's headquarters seems to be that the campaign in the valley will be exceedingly active, as soon as Halleck gets back and Pope gets into the field.

Col. Anson Stager has had four practical telegraphers appointed assistant quartermasters to aid him in superintending constructing and working the military telegraph throughout the country.

The postage currency conflict between the treasury and post office departments is stated to have been settled by an agreement that the post office department shall issue thick ungummed stamps, and the treasury department shall put them in circulation and manage their redemption. The post office department has already made arrangements for the engraving and printing. Mr. Blair seems to have felt miffed at having the matter resolved upon originally without consulting him, and at first didn't manifest a disposition to co-operate very heartily with Mr. Chase. The practical difficulty about counterfeiting is still not avoided. Mr Chase will soon have ready the stamps authorized by the tax law. These are somewhat larger than postage stamps, printed on thick paper, and likely, when issued, to supercede the use of present stamps as a substitute for silver.

We have rumors about fighting at Warrenton. It has been believed that Jackson and Ewell have been for some days in Gordonsville in strong force, but it is thought not at all probable that they can have reached Warrenton.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—An order was yesterday issued from the office of the provost marshal to the effect that all convalescent soldiers found in bar-rooms, gambling houses, and other houses of immoral character, will be considered fit for service and made to join their regiments.

Isaiah Rogers of Ohio has been appointed engineer in charge of the bureau of construction.

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs have received cheering advice from the Indian Territory. The 2,000 white troops who accompanied from Kansas an equal number of Indian refugees, have already made a good impression on the Cherokee country, and, with the addition of 1,500 Indians under John Ross, further results are anticipated. Large numbers of Indians have asked to be furnished with arms to operate against the secessionists in the various tribes. It has just been ascertained that the rebel government proposes to have made treaties with the reserve Texan Indians—the Camanches, Semoses, Shawnees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Seminoles and Cherokees, and appropriated money to carry them into effect. As the Seneca and Shawnees are known to be loyal to the United States, it is supposed a treaty has been made by a few only of their chiefs with the rebels.

Col. Scott, the indefatigable agent of the post office department, sent to New Orleans in May, returned here last evening via Fortress Monroe. He says gen. Butler is just the man for the place, and, but for the stringent measures adopted by him, New Orleans could not have been held.

Reverdy Johnson will not return probably for some weeks yet.

The president proposes to make no change in the cabinet, and it is certain he does not propose to dispense at this juncture with a cabinet minister so distinguished as Mr. Seward.

A special to the *World* says: Senator Lane of Kansas has received a most important commission to go to Kansas and recruit troops under the new call. He left Washington on Saturday. His instructions from the president and secretary of war enable him to receive all men into the service who are loyal, without reference to color, and he will widely proclaim that fact in his order. His anticipates raising one or two regiments of blacks, but he will not begin in low tones after reaching home, and while he would not accept a generalship from the president because of its interference with his acquired seat, he may accept a commission from the government of Kansas, and promptly enter the field at the head of his brigade. The orders of the president and secretary of war are explicit.

A special to the *N. Y. Tribune* adds says: Col. Norton, of the 31st Ohio, whose accusations against Gen. Mitchel have been published far and wide, is not to be found. An order for his arrest was issued to-day from the war department, but the military governor returned *non est* inventus. The telegraph is in pursuit of him.

Captain Mansfield, lately provost marshal of Fredericksburg, is here under arrest.

It has been arranged that the postmaster general shall issue stamps on and after the 1st of August, to be used as currency until the secretary of the treasury can perfect his arrangements, when he will buy them at the cost value of manufacture from the post office department, and will redeem as provided by the law. The stamps issued by the postmaster general will probably differ in no respect from those received for postage, except that they will be without gluing.

On inquiry there is authority for saying that all the rumors, statements and conjectures about a division in the cabinet, and a resignation of Mr. Seward, the secretary of state, are totally without foundation.

The authorities of the rebel war department, we learn, through Gen. Dix, have ordered the unconditional discharge of all the federal surgeons and army chaplains taken prisoners in exchange of their paroles, and that no one is in confinement with the exception of those by the government.

This afternoon the secretary of the treasury received a telegram announcing the safe arrival in San Francisco of a million dollars of U. S. treasury notes sent from here about a month ago. They are the first lot of treasury notes sent by the government to California.

Brig. Gen. Butterfield, having returned to health, passed through this city this forenoon on his return to the army of the Potomac.

THE GREAT REAPER TRIAL AT DIXON.

Interesting Details of the Test.

The Rattles and their Performance.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]
DIXON, July 25, 1862.

This has been the most interesting day of the trial, and the closing of the contest between the reapers. To-morrow will close that of the mowers. We can now speak of the results with some confidence.

Each machine had allotted it one and eighty-four hundredths acres. The machines were entered as follows:

W. A. Wood's Self-Raking Reaper drew the worst lot of the whole, the grain being badly lodged. The work was well done—the self-raker compressing the gavels before depositing them beside the machine ready for the binder. The rake works on an endless chain, which, by the aid of cams, give it a life-like motion as it gathers the grain in its five fingers, moved by its sinews of steel. It was the centre of attraction as it moved with unfaltering steps through the tangled grain.

D. M. Osborn & Co. came next with the Kirby Hand Raking Reaper, doing creditable work; much better than at the trial in grass.

Seymour, Morgan & Allen of Brockport, N. Y., drew the next lot. This is also a self-raker, dating among the oldest of this class of reapers, and whose fame reaches back to the reaper trial at Bloomington, in 1854. It has been much improved since, and now takes its stand among the few first class machines.

This and two or three other machines have attracted universal attention among the spectators, and in justice to them and to gratify those interested in first class machines, we shall give a more extended notice of their merits after the busy excitement of the trial is over.

Cline, Seiberling & Howat's, is a Hand Raker. It did good work, while as a self-raker, it is less valuable. The self-raking apparatus is rather a novel one, the platform being a series of harrow slats, forming a skeleton frame, upon which the grain falls, and when a sufficient quantity for a bundle accumulates, the driver places his foot upon a pedal, and the form drops on the ground, leaving the bundle at right angles to the track of the machine, and to be full width directly in the rear, thus making it a necessity to bind as fast as cut, or the machine must stop, saying in the width that the gavel occupies, it is well laid, but its position is almost an inseparable objection against it.

W. A. Wood next came in as a Hand Raker, and did superb work, cutting its quarter in forty-eight minutes.

T. H. Medell of Ottawa has a machine of heavy draft. It was evidently invented several years since, and appears not to have been improved since. The grain was badly laid. No doubt over-driving with this and some other machines had something to do with the bad condition of things.

Mr. John P. Manny, with his Hand Raker, next entered the field. The driver's seat is so constructed that he can not only drive, but rake off at the same time. This is a new feature in hand-rakers by which Mr. M. claims that he is at least even, if not ahead of the self-raker. This machine did most excellent work, and saving in the draft fifty pounds by dispensing with the extra hand. We can see no reason why this plan will not work. It certainly gave satisfaction to those who witnessed his effort in that direction.

Every improvement that will save a man's labor on the farm at this time is of importance, when farm labor is so difficult to be obtained.

Mr. M. belongs to a family of inventors whose fame is known wherever waves the the golden harvest, or grass is needed for the lowing herd. His machine, for grass and grain, four of which are on the ground, have elicited the admiration of all present. Rockford is a favorable point for manufacturing machines, and will lose nothing to her credit by sending out such fine specimens of the handiwork of her mechanics.

McCormick's Self-Rake had the next chance. The rake of this machine is attached to the reel, and at each revolution turns out a bundle whether is go or small, depending on the thickness of the standing grain. In some cases these must be doubled for binding, while in others, especially if the grain is short, are too large. This we consider a serious defect in the rake, and to our mind almost conclusive against it. At the same time the work is well done, that is, the butt of the sheaf is even laid in the best position for the binder, with the exception that it is of the width of the cut of the machine, not being gathered. Could it be compressed in leaving the rake, and its quantity regulated, it would stand among the best, but these two points are too serious to be overlooked.

In the course of the day Wood's rake was applied to the machines, and with most satisfactory results. The draft of the machine is among the most severe, the machine is heavy but as much of our farmers regard strength and durability more than power, this has not been a serious objection, but now, when strength, compactness and ease of draft are being combined in other machines, the former will give much value to this point.

E. Ball, of Canton, Ohio, drew a badly lodged piece and made a bad bundle of it. The same may be said of the reaper of George S. Curtis of Chicago, the rocking of which was decidedly bad, the rocker obliging the platform to be extended too far out. This machine runs without gearing, and has easy motion. This principle has been employed in reapers on several occasions, but without favorable results. Mr. Curtis is sanguine of success, and yesterday's trial in grass certainly looks in that direction.

McCormick cut his lot in forty-two minutes each. H. H. Taylor with the Buckeye, came out in the same time and done very neat work. Mr. Easterly of Wisconsin laid his gavels badly, cutting his lot in thirty-eight minutes, which will to some extent account for the bad work. Mr. Bagg of Ottawa, with his square drift machine, did but little better, leaving the gavels in a half-circle. The wide cut doubtless is the cause of this. The last machine was the "Cayuga Chief" of Sheldon & Co. of Auburn, N. Y., which did the best work, laying the bundles most compact, in the best direction for the binder and making the least waste. We shall have more to say of this valuable machine per mail. The benders were put to work in the afternoon, but they attracted but little attention. The great feature of the day which never failed to draw the crowd, was the grain binder of W. W. Bursin of Iowa. This is a most ingenious machine and is destined to make a revolution in the harvest field, and will dispense with several hands a day in binding, for one man can bind all that one machine will cut. It was attached to one of the six-foot machines of J. H. Manny, made by Emerson & Co., of Rockford. This machine will cut in an ordinary day's work, twelve acres, and with this attachment, with four men, will have it shocked up as fast as cut. What effect it will have on the self-rakers we will not at present discuss. That it will save labor any person can see. In fact it is another milestone in the field of progress.

Emerson & Co., manufacturers of the J. H. Manny machine, have for several years done to the society a machine to be awarded for the best forty acres of wheat, and have made it rule not to compete for the award; this accounts for their absence. Then, as above stated, the committee, though still reliant, have to-day shown activity and care in conducting the trial, and we think are heartily sick of the programme that they laid down at the outset. That it was one replete with injustice can be easily shown, but as it is now probable that they will extend and give the premium and item of the trial at an early day, we will pass it over for the present.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA

GEN. POPE'S LATEST ORDER.

NO MORE WATCHING REBEL CHICKEN ROOSTS.

ALL QUIET ON THE JAMES RIVER.

THE REBELS CONCENTRATING NEAR GORDONSVILLE.

Conference of Halleck and McClellan.

The General Exchange of Prisoners.

PRESENT STATE OF THINGS AT RICHMOND.

Rebel Rumors from Gen. Buell.

The Rebel Report of Seven Pines.

What Gen. Johnston Claims.

Reports of Rebel Division Commanders.

Reported Demonstration on Washington.

The Exchange of Prisoners Adjusted

WAR BULLETIN.
HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF VIRGINIA,
WASHINGTON, July 25.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.—Hereafter no guards will be placed over private houses or private property of any description whatever. Commanding officers are responsible for the conduct of the troops under their command, and the articles of war and regulations of the army provide ample means for restraining them to the full extent required for discipline and efficiency.

Soldiers were called into the field to do battle against the enemy, and it is not expected that their force and energy shall be wasted in the protection of the private property of those most hostile to the government.

No soldier serving in this army shall hereafter be employed in such service.

By command of Maj. Gen. POPE.
(Signed) GEO. D. BRUGGS, Col. A. A. G. and Chief of Staff.

LITTLE WASHINGTON, Rappahannock county, Va., July 23.—Recent telegraph reports from Warrenton, that Jackson was near Gordonsville, is confirmed. He is at Louisa court house with 24,000 men, and Ewell with a command is Gordonsville—making 30,000 altogether. Their intention is to break our lines and get up demonstrating on Washington to draw off our forces from Richmond.

A report to a New York paper says: Secretary Stanton said, having decided on an exchange of prisoners, Col. Corcoran will probably be in New York in ten days.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 24.—The steamship Daniel Webster, Capt. Slothen, from New York, reached Fortress Monroe last evening, on her way to Harrison's Landing, loaded with vegetables for the army, an article they have been suffering for a long time.

The flag of truce boat Connecticut, went up James River yesterday morning and returned early this morning to Fortress Monroe where she only remained ten minutes and started off in the direction of York River. The steamers Spaulding and Knickerbocker arrived last evening with 600 Union prisoners from Richmond. The Knickerbocker goes to Philadelphia and the Spaulding to New York, and they will both leave here this morning for their respective destinations. The sailing vessels, schooners, &c., which have been lying up the James River for some time, near James Island, have within a few days dropped down the river and anchored in the roads, just above Fortress Monroe.

I have not ascertained the cause of this movement. Large Union forces of artillery are reinforcing those already at Yorktown.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 25.—The mail boat from Harrison's Landing reached here at half-past four, and reports all quiet and no news from the army on the James River.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The Washington special to to the *Herald* says: "I learn from pretty accurate private sources that Ewell's, Hill's, Longstreet's and Jackson's divisions of the rebels have left Richmond privately during the past fortnight, mostly going over the Virginia Central Railroad, and are now concentrating near Gordonsville, constituting an army 50,000 strong. Undoubtedly an attempt is making on Maryland or Washington. The people are still anxious whether it will be made up the valley or this way. Counter raids are to be instituted by us. A force may push for Richmond from Fredericksburg.

A special to the *New York Times* says: Gen. Halleck and staff, accompanied by Gen. Burnside, left this morning for Fortress Monroe. Gen. Halleck will return on Saturday. It is understood that the president gives him entire control of all military affairs.

There is no doubt that the war will be prosecuted with more vigor and determination. Let the men be forthcoming without delay, and all will be well.

Gen. Halleck will have a personal consultation with Gen. McClellan.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 23d inst. is received. Its leading editorial is upon the pending exchange of prisoners. It says the basis of the exchange has been the cartel of 1812. This cartel marks an important era in the history of this war. It is the acknowledgement of our peers and national rights. We are by it made belligerents, and the government of the United States treats with the government of the confederate States through commissioners.

The publication of the heavy list of rebel losses in the late battles before Richmond is continued in the *Enquirer*. The 7th Virginia regiment is the only one in engagement but that of Monday, 30th of June, carried into action 225 men and lost 111—nearly one half.

Counterfeit Confederate notes are alleged to be largely in circulation in Georgia. The *Enquirer* has another groan for the price of marketing in Richmond. It says that high prices are still raging, and the hucksters are making a mint of shinplasters.

Among the recent arrivals in Richmond are James M. Mason, late ambassador of the secesh court, "My Maryland, My Maryland," and Mr. Boxford, formerly law partner with Judah P. Benjamin, both refugees from New Orleans.

The *Enquirer* claims that one more confederate victory will end the war, and that commissioners for a truce and armistice will meet those necessary pleaders to peace.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The steamer Freebors arrived at the navy yard last evening, bringing the prize schooner Sallies recently captured in the Rappahannock River.

The waters of the Rappahannock and Pamunkunk Rivers are represented to be in great consternation, especially those who recently deserted the rebel cause to take the oath of allegiance to this government. Wandering parties of rebel cavalry are said to be making their appearance at times in this vicinity, and impressing citizens into the service of the rebel government. The alarm is so great that large numbers of men sleep nightly in boats in the stream in order to prevent being surprised and captured.

Maj. Fairbanks, of the 5th Michigan regiment, died in this city this morning, from the effects of the wound received on the 30th of June in the battle near Richmond. His remains will be taken to Detroit.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Gen. Johnston's official report, of the battle of Seven Pines appears under date of June 24th. He excuses himself for the imperfectness in his report by reason of his yet weak condition from his wounds. He claims that Gen Eager the fact that the confederate plan to destroy the entire corps of Gen. Keyes was not realized, in consequence of Eager's delay in getting his men across and engaged on our section. He claims as follows: He took in the battle of Seven Pines ten pieces of artillery, 6,000 muskets, one standard, 1,000 prisoners, several colors, besides a large quantity of tents and camp equipage.

Gen. Longstreet reports the loss in his command as being about 1,600; and Major General G. W. Smith reports his loss at 1,262. The loss of the enemy (the rebels) is stated in their own reports now to have exceeded 10,000, an estimate which is no doubt short of the truth. The *Enquirer* says the following: "Gen. Stuart's cavalry are again at work, and has just succeeded in overwhelming a portion of the Yankee forces engaged in burning the bridge at Beaver Dam. Our Yankee friends had set fire to the bridge, and were engaged in the pleasant pastime of having been engaged in the pleasant pastime of having been engaged in the pleasant pastime of having been

The Tribune.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1862.

IMPORTANT WAR BULLETIN.

We copy from the New York *Tribune* of Wednesday a comment on the first executive order under the confiscation bill, which was telegraphically referred to yesterday. We also re-publish the war bulletin, on which the comments are made. The objection made by the New York *Tribune* is, that while the order authorizes generals to employ the blacks, it does not promise or offer them their freedom for serving the Union, but leaves them liable to be returned to their masters to bondage, and the result, after the war is over. We cannot believe that the President contemplates doing anything of the kind; but it is unfortunate that he did not expressly declare in the order, that the slaves thus serving the Union, shall be free. This must yet be done before they will take sides with us against their rebel masters. They must have this pledge.

TWO DESERVED PROMOTIONS.

Out of the long list of generals whose nominations were not acted upon by the Senate, exceptions were made of two names, which were pushed through. The first of these, J. B. TURCHIN, 19th Illinois, belongs to as skilful and brave a soldier as our army contains. He was believed to be willing to make war as war should be made, and to hit a head wherever he saw it. To these peculiarities and to the persecution that he is enduring from others who lack his faith, his promotion is due.

C. C. Washburne of Wisconsin, also obtained his Brigadiership, and, we are sorry to say, against the efforts of one of the Senators of his own State. His intimate knowledge of men and affairs, and his brief experience as a colonel of cavalry, were a sufficient guaranty that his new duties would be honorably discharged. His confirmation is a compliment of which his friends may be proud.

FILL UP THE REGIMENTS.

We suggest to private givers to the war fund, the propriety of disregarding our example and directing their contributions to be expended in paying the bounties for recruits for old regiments now in the field. They are sadly in want of men. They are well drilled, and, for their strength, efficient. The troops composing them have learned the art of war in the field, and the way to secure comfort with the limited appliances of the camp. Men going into such regiments are at once put where proficiency in military duties comes easy—where, indeed, it cannot be avoided. The officers are mainly tried and approved. They know what their men should have and how their wants are to be supplied. In a word, one thousand recruits distributed among three thin regiments will in one month be able to do the country more service than twice that number massed together under green officers can do in half a year—more service with greater safety to those who do it.

We trust that of the thousands of dollars being put into the hands of committees in this city for war purposes, a large share may be expended to fill the gaping ranks of the regiments now more than a year in the field.

ENGLAND'S EXAMPLE.

Since England, through the organ of her nobility, the *Times*, has began to howl against the adoption, by this government, of a system of military emancipation—emancipation as a military necessity—we may properly inquire, what has been the practice of English armies when on our soil. In the Revolution, every black man in the parts of the South which had an English visitation, was set free, and thousands of the men were sent to the British West Indies. In the war of 1812, every slave that got within the British lines was emancipated; and had New Orleans been captured in 1815, the commander of the British forces would have carried out his intention of proclaiming freedom within all the country subjected to his arms. Since our earliest recollection, the defenceless condition of our South, containing within its borders a large black population that might be incited to revolt by a foreign enemy, has been an occasional theme of the virtuous English press, the *Times* included; and there is no doubt that, were our Union restored, war with England would bring in its train an invasion of the South—freedom to the blacks being inscribed on the invading banners. The English people are too practical not to see their advantage in such a cause, and any ministry that used the arguments employed by our "conservatives," to excuse neglect of its adoption, would be hooted out of place by public contempt—hooted out as milksops. So much for the last English bugaboo!

THE WORK OF THE DAY.

We do not say that Illinois stands foremost among the loyal States that have so lavishly contributed their men and money for the war. We do say that in the number and gallantry of her troops, the importance of her services in Congress and in the field, she has done well. Let others than those of her own household say that she has done best of all.

Her energies are again taxed, and the depth and endurance of her patriotism are again put to the test; and it is vital to her honor and the good name of her people that she should show no flagging nor weariness now. Her quota is large, and the demand for the men who compose it is made at a moment when the rural population are busily engaged securing an abundant harvest, and when manual labor was never more profitable than it is in our larger towns. But in spite of these drawbacks, we know that Illinois will nobly respond, and that her exalted reputation will be still further heightened by the result that the recruiting will show. But it is necessary that the State should not only maintain her superiority as to comparative numbers, but that in the time consumed in getting her new regiments into the field, she should manifest more than her former alacrity and zeal. The demand is for men—men now, not next November or January. Let us hope, then, that the noble example that Chicago is inaugurating may be imitated from Cairo to Galena, and that our State may never, in this great contest between patriotic communities, be left in the rear. To call meetings, to lay before the masses the nature and importance of the crisis, to reanimate love of country, to exalt courage, to stimulate hope, to give money, to organize societies for relief, and, above all, to encourage and reward enlistments, must now be the duty of the people. Our country and its institutions are in danger." Men of Illinois, there is a great work to be done!

SOME KERNEY HATH DONE THIS.

The rubescent visage of Bridget, daughter of the morning, as maid of all work at No. —— street, was clouded and her brow sullen as she entered upon her matin occupations not many mornings since. Nothing went right with Bridget, under whose hands the stack charred, the coffee like a lily debtor evaded a settlement, and the toast burned. There was no end of trouble in the domestic world that morning, and finally the whole suppressed disturbance came out, when Bridget wiped her red arms and told her mistress to "get a nagger right away. An explanation followed, and the indignant domestic poured her plaint full and strong that the "Lincolnites were for freeing the naygurs and bringing them all north to drive out honest white folks, and that is all there is about it," and Bridget normally disappeared into regions untabernacled to her domestic atmosphere.

Wit and wisdom may national or impulsive in their choice, are not known to the domestic sinus of the best regulated families. Simply this, which is to be taken into account with very numerous SIRNS, larger and lesser, that show the handiwork of the enemies of this country operating upon the minds of the humbler laboring classes by the powerful levers of caste and pride of race. The recent disturbances in Northern cities, which our own has not escaped, are proofs already serious enough to invite attention, that poor Bridget's trouble is only a smaller offshoot of a growth of disaffection, diligently cultivated by rebel emissaries throughout the North. Its aim is to sever the sympathies of the laboring classes of the North, especially the Irish, from the cause of the Union. Do professed loyal papers understand the full scope of these efforts when they plead against the stirrings, and when their unscrupulous partisan efforts take the direction of inciting and spreading this feeling? It is to be feared that it is not an innocent labor, nor a mistaken zeal with some of these. Everywhere it is the work of an enemy. Free labor has never received greater indignities than in the great House of Bondage. The white laborer for his bread is nowhere else more cruelly degraded than where hewers of wood and drawers of water, agricultural-ists and artisans are bought and sold like the ox and the mule. Men reason like idiots who deem that the great fortify South, yet half reclaimed from a wilderness, is to lose its blacks when its and their curse is removed. There will then be fewer blacks at the North than now.

THE WAR POLICY AND THE PEOPLE.

When the premium on gold in New York went up last Monday to twenty per cent, loyal men were justly anxious, and many of them alarmed, at the financial condition of the country. If this thing was to go on, it was plain that our condition must soon become desperate. But during the week the enthusiasm of the country to fill up the requisition for three hundred thousand troops, the stringent and patriotic war orders of Gen. Pope promptly with the sanction of the Government; the order from Secretary Stanton to military officers to "seize and use any property, real or personal, within the States of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas, for supplies and military purposes," and to employ the slaves in military service, have inspired confidence among the money kings of Wall street, that something effective is to be done. Hence the premium on gold has been steadily declining. To-day it sunk below fifteen, and some dispatches made it touch thirteen; but later reports gave the closing figure at sixteen and a half. Private dispatches have been conflicting. We refer to our report of the New York stock board for particulars as to the prices ruling there. The decline is about one per cent per day for the last four days.

These facts are significant and instructive. They ought to convince any man that a vigorous policy, one that is aggressive and annihilating to treason, is the only way to save the country and bring this wicked war to a close. No thermometer is more sensitive and certain than the Wall street stock board. When victory crowns the armies of the Union, or a policy is pursued that the judgment of the country knows will secure it, the confidence of the people is buoyant and stocks are buoyant also. The price of gold falls, and the hope that the war is soon to end shows itself most cheeringly in the commercial affairs of the nation. But when reverses come, and especially when a shilly-shally, dallying policy prevails and shrewd self-interest can see no end to the waste that the war is to inflict upon the country, down goes the price of securities, and gold goes up to frightful figures. Will not the "powers that be" at Washington be instructed by the significant events of the week to carry out what has been so well and so nobly begun? Let the President issue his proclamation to the rebels to lay down their arms within sixty days, or all the pains and penalties of the confiscation hall will be visited upon them, and we predict the price of gold would go down to five, perhaps to two per cent within a week. The power of the government to whip the rebels within the next few months, thoroughly and soundly, if it will only use without reserve all the means at command, no sane man doubts for a moment. A fear that these means will not be so used, is all that keeps gold up to its present enormous premium. Will the government, again we ask, be instructed by the events of the week and give us the measures that shall make Treasury Notes equivalent to gold? The thing can and it should be done.

Congressional Nomination.

The congressional convention of the 7th District of Iowa, met at Winterset on the 21st inst. On the third ballot, Hon. JOHN A. KASSON, at present first assistant P. M. general, was nominated. His opponents in the convention were Hon. SAMUEL R. JOHNSON, E. H. SAYS, M. L. McPherson and Z. Lawrence. The *State Register* says that Mr. Kasson will resign his position in the post office department, and make a thorough canvass of his district upon the stump. As is well known, he is an able speaker, an uncompromising Republican, and when the people of the several counties shall see and hear him, they will be proud to accept him as their representative in the lower house of congress.

Nashville Reinforced

Gen. Nelson, with heavy reinforcements, arrived at Nashville on Thursday. He assumed command of all the troops there. So states the *Union*.

The rebels who made the successful attack on Murfreesboro, have fled towards East Tennessee, and we trust the fighting Nelson will soon be in their midst. Gen. Morgan was still at Cumberland Gap at last accounts.

Iowa State Democratic Convention.

The "Democrats" of Iowa met in convention at Des Moines on Thursday last. Forty out of ninety counties were represented (?) by delegates. Among the prominent individuals present as participants were Augustus Caesar Dodge, Mahony, of the Dubuque *Herald*, and Cisgett, of Keokuk. An extract from the speech of the latter personage will show the character of the whole concern:

"I tell you, gentlemen, there is no use to blink the facts of history. Massachusetts alone is responsible for plunging this country into the horrors of civil war! It was the factious Abolitionism of that State which compelled the South to exercise an attitude of armed rebellion. Massachusetts did it all! This war is nothing but a raid on the states of the South. The administration at Washington is corrupt from the core of its head to the crown of foot; but the Democracy of this country will yet teach Abe Lincoln and his co-usurpers that the "way of the transgressor is very."

The resolutions passed by this grandeur conclave of the treason-sympathizers are of the same style. Just one paragraph is devoted to those who are in arms against the Union, and nearly every line of the remaining portion of the series makes war upon those who are endeavoring to uphold the government and put down rebellion.

MILWAUKEE.—We learn from the *Daily Wisconsin* that a rousing meeting of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday evening to take measures to hasten up enlistments. Over $15,000 was raised during the evening. The Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Association and the Mechanic's Association have "joined hands" to push the war movement right forward. A State War Meeting has been called at Milwaukee on Saturday evening.

☞ The Nashville *Union*, remarking upon the recent surprise at Murfreesboro, truthfully remarks that, "some of the officers take a pride in being careless of danger. They think it shows a generous confidence with the rebels and the country will yet teach Abe Lincoln and his co-usurpers that the "way of the transgressor is very."—and generally ends in the utter route or demolition of the consoling officers and their command. Whether this will their bottle-cocks does reach it still?

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.—The secretary of war has removed the prohibition against publishing the movements of regiments in the state of Illinois. This is "well. Let the people know how the country responds to the president's call for more troops.

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☞ Adjutant General Baker of Iowa has given notice that the four new regiments for that State will rendezvous respectively at Dubuque, Clinton, Keokuk, Iowa City, and Des Moines.

OUR ARMY BELOW RICHMOND.

INTERESTING DETAILS AND SKETCHES.

The Past Policy of the War Illustrated.

Will the Blacks Aid Us?

Testimony as to their Services.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]
HARRISON'S INLET, NEAR WESTOVER LANDING, }
ARMY ON THE PENINSULA, July 14, 1862. }

The events of the last fortnight, the newspapers have made you familiar with. How the grand army found it necessary to change its base line; and how after six days of continuous fighting, during which the pluck and endurance of Northern patriotism was made manifest nobly, the army, weary and exhausted, reached this point on the James River. The steamboats and transports and covering gunboats, met their grateful eyes, having preceded them, with their supplies and munitions. It was a great and successful move in a military sense, but why it ever became necessary, why the army was ever in the malarious swamps and pestiferous marshes of the Chickahominy, or why after the enemy exhausted his power in that fierce but unsuccessful attack at Fair Oaks, our legions were not hurled with irresistible ardor upon Richmond, is a matter of conjecture. Something has also to answer for, of which 20,000 sick and wasted soldiers, with 11,000 more as the official reports have it, killed and wounded in the great retreat, are mute but impressive witnesses.

Touday the army with its blistered ranks, (it foots up 90,000 strong) is in good condition. The wounded and sick have been sent away, but how many will come out strong and vigorous for the fall campaign is quite uncertain. Sickness, a hot climate, and concentrated food are terrible decimators of an army. There is an abundance of beef and hard bread and strong coffee, but a lack of vegetables, and the food, half digested, brings on the complaints of summer. The inhabitants of equatorial regions eat little meat, but keep the system cool and free with fruit and vegetables.

I have been surprised to see how uniform is the fading away of the regiments—diet, dirt and digging. Why the government can hesitate about employing the strong endurance and muscle of the blacks in the erection of fortifications and earthworks, is remarkable. Political economy has few problems more inexplicable. They are willing, they can endure the heat, they are the cause of the necessity. The 500 that are used here for unloading the boats, carrying bales, and a thousand miscellaneous duties, are steady, faithful workers, quite as good if not better than the same number of whites, and I speak by the card, after seeing them every hour for a fortnight. Our army, "true to their traditions," are throwing up redoubts and entrenchments. The design is probably to pass the impassable. The river forms the base line, while the arc of the circle is occupied by the outer lines. Within are the stores of the vast commissary and commissary, ordnance and transportation. Horses, mules, signal officers, contrabands and orderlies, are mixed in confusion. Gen. Hunt's test of Col. B. C. Buzier, the able and efficient provost marshal of this post—no slight office, combining the duties of a recorder and keeper of a city of 100,000 men. Frank Leslie's special artist is making a sketch of the scene. He has an eye for the beautiful, and could scarce have selected a finer picture for his pencil than the yellow waters of the James are rolling in front, covered with the fleet of steamers, tugs, transports, and those terrible monsters gunboats; behind are the camps far and near of the army, interspersed with long lines of commissary wagons and artillery, while the hills opposite are gently undulating hills, with embowered coves and sylvan retreats. It is also a Virginian scene, for over the river, which like the bank on this side rises thirty feet from the shore, and immediately opposite to these lovely bowers, the rebels have erected a battery of thirty-two, which some fine morning will open their music upon us. Capt. Rogers of the Galena, and Capt. Jeffries of the Monitor, both have their eyes upon them, and promise in twenty minutes to silence and destroy them when the proper time comes. The latter is a perfect wonder. Twenty gunboats are no joke. The modern system of making up armaments, few in number but heavy guns, is given great efficiency. I saw the eleven inch shell sent howling through the heavens three and four miles to the front by sixty pounds of powder, and the foe have a wholesome fear of these "monsters," as they style them; one falling in front of a company advancing put them to the right about, in full view of our pickets.

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Our friends here are in good condition, though they have suffered severely from the exposure and sickness of the spring. Col. Farnsworth of the 8th Illinois cavalry, has a swollen leg, and has gone home to recruit his health. The regiment look well. They have undergone much service, scouting and in the advance. Major Beveridge a little gray, jolt looks well. The Kane county boys, the 19th Illinois, Col. O. borne, came down from Alexandria with us, having made up part of Sickels' brigade in the Valley of Shenandoah. In that ill-fated valley they have marched and counter-marched so far and as well as Xenophon led his ten myriad 10,000, numbers reduced, but with marial tread and bronzed countenance, they are here, their ranks reduced by 300 men, but not for any duty to sustain their country's honor. Col. Mann, a good soldier, was with us yesterday. He has been serving, and first rate, the associate of one and had guided and used by 100,000 men, conspire to the same result, destruction. There is, however, one exception to this; on the left of our lines, in the midst of a beautiful lawn terraced and graded to the water's edge on the James River, stood three stately mansion, in the Louis XIV style, owned by a Mr. John A. Selden, an old man now looking after his health at the Virginia Springs, while his servants and sons probably swell the numbers of the confederate army. The house is of brick, brought from England 120 years ago. The outlines, the extended grounds, with widely cultivated fields, negroes, hideous, barns, imposing iron gateways, and gravelled walks, indicate that "Westover" is a fine old Virginia plantation—the best indeed I have seen on the James River. The magnificent building, modern in the bar of tombs of the Harrison family. The late President Harrison was born here and his grandfather's family educated. (Last sentence from the Chicago Tribune's letter.) One of the monumental date back 300 years, the others are dated in the last century. All this is zealously guarded by our troops, so strictly did he [Lincoln] of war, and touch the broad halls and cool shade of "Westover" would be welcome to our sick and weary, no profane hand disturbs its repose, no stranger foot prefer its inviting lawn. By and by, I suppose this war will begin in earnest, and the Lee's and Selden's be made to contribute towards relieving the contest of its miseries as

APPEAL OF THE U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

A Call from Our Hospitals.

Help for the Sick and Wounded.

N. Y. AGENCY OF U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, }
No. 244 Broadway, July 24, 1862. }

To all Loyal Citizens of the United States:

The executive committee of the United States Sanitary Commission, acting under authority from the national government, is once more compelled to appeal to the people on behalf of the sick and wounded of the people's armies East and West. For their relief it asks money and supplies at once, and in abundance.

The necessity is too urgent to admit of any elaborate statement of its nature and extent, or of the work the commission is doing. Sometimes a single mail brings a painful load in letters and papers herewith laid before the public. They have been taken almost at random, for there is not time even to look through the history as reported to the hands of the executive committee. It is sufficient to add, that high officers, at many points, have repeatedly acknowledged the services rendered by the commission, (or rather by the people, of whom the commission is an almoner,) to the gallant volunteers, as of the highest value and importance.

From May 1 to July 1, the commission has expended $87,588 79-100 dollars. About nine tenths of this sum has been laid out in the purchase of hospital stores and appliances for the relief of the sick and wounded at every important military station, and in the equipment of the flotilla of steamers and sailing vessels now in the service of the commission as hospital transports. Its treasury is now nearly exhausted, at the very moment when the army most needs its aid, and when, if it would solicit return," as the secessionists do for themselves.

Rumors of the most conflicting nature reach us daily in regard to the movements of the rebels, but as they are undoubtedly set afoot by Southern sympathizers I do not care to repeat them. The only danger to be apprehended is from the guerrilla bands making a dash upon small bodies of our men who may be left to guard certain towns on the Winchester side of the valley, but that Jackson will come forward with force and contest the ground with Pope inch by inch, no fears need be entertained. Jackson don't do business in that way, and he knows Gen. Pope too well to trifle with him, or to rush into any place that he cannot be sure of getting out of.

The iron railroad bridge for this point ordered by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is rapidly approaching completion in Baltimore. Only three months will elapse before it is erected. The wooden bridge, which was swept away by the freshets several weeks ago, has been fully replaced, and the travel over the road is excellent—public confidence in its security having been restored. A general United States Hospital has been established here by medical director Simpson. It is under the charge of surgeon E. Dawson, and contains about 300 convalescent patients. Hospital tents are being prepared for the accommodation of over one hundred men.

A Wet Blanket.

[From the N. Y. Tribune, 23d inst.]

We print this morning a "War Bulletin" from headquarters, whereby the Union commanders in the unequivocally rebel States (not including Tennessee, nor, of course, Kentucky, Missouri, etc.) are empowered to make free with property needed by their armies, and to employ "persons of African descent" when required as laborers, etc. These laborers are to be paid, but not a word is said as to their being freed. On the contrary, the natural inference from the terms of this order would be that they are to be finally returned to their former owners, no matter though these be the most malignant rebels.

If this is all that is to be done by the government in obedience to the confiscation enactment, a very large majority of slaves will have been fatally wounded in the house of its friends. No equivocating, higgling, hair splitting, bare-faced effort to save them from the slaves are given to understand—and that specially—that the Union wants their services enough to give them liberty therefor, then the rebellion must be crushed by the Union. This country is very strong; but it is not strong enough to subdue eight millions of white people, backed by four millions more of involuntary despotism, while we unite with it in keeping four millions of black slaves at work in the fields, the arsenals, the trenches of those rebels.

We speak plainly, for in this crisis it were treason to be silent or ambiguous. Every day that the slaves are afforded ample and palpable inducements for quitting the service of the rebels and embracing that of the Union, the great mass of them will continue to serve their masters while the latter destroy the nation. And this order does not supply the motive which can make the struggle for brave peril, privation, and death, by a speedy flight from the house of bondage to the shelter of the flag of the Union. Is it not?

Of course, we do not know that the President will not stop here. We trust that he will not. But the suggestion (or rather assertion) seems to indicate that nothing further is contemplated. If that be the fact, we sadly feel that the nation is betrayed.

But no—the government cannot stop here. Even if its present purpose were to go no further, (but it will go further,) the people will compel it to revise that purpose. Let there be no murmuring, then, no despondency, no faltering, but let every man who loves his country and its cause, and who is willing to put down treason and its abettors, at whatever cost, to push on the work of recruiting; and thus insure the triumph of the armies of the Union. Each of us has his own duty to perform, and the sunlight of to-day, for whoever may falter, or whatever may be the result he may rest in the proud consciousness that he has done all he could to serve and save his imperiled country.

Cowardice Among Officers.

Gen. Keyes, in his report of the battle o Fair Oaks, makes some remarks upon the distasteful subject of cowardice, from which we make an extract below. It is to be wished that such an energetic policy as that expressed by Gen. Keyes had been generally followed, and that conspicuous cowards, bearing commissions had been strictly dealt with, as required by the discipline of every good army. The general says:

"I should be glad if the name of every individual who kept his place in the long struggle could be known. Those deserve great praise and reward. On the other head, the men who left the ranks and fled, and especially the officers who set them a bad example, should be known and held up with scorn. In some of the retreating groups I discovered officers; and remember the officers were furthest in the rear. What hope can we have of the safety of the country when even a few military officers turn their backs upon the enemy without orders? Such officers should be publicly discharged and disgraced, and brave men advanced to their places. The task of reformation is not easy, because much true manliness has been suffocated in deluding theories, and the improvement will not be complete until we adopt as a maxim, that to decorate a coward with shoulder-straps is to pave the road to a nation's ruin."

Grateful and Decisive.

[From the Norfolk Union.]

Yesterday the sick of the 19th Wisconsin regiment were gladdened by a visitation of their loving angels.

A party of Norfolk ladies (whose names prudential considerations admonish us to withhold,) called at the hospitals, tendering "aid and comfort" to the patients. Their substantial benefactions, and above all, their priceless sympathy, were gratefully accepted.

The husbands of most of these ladies are now serving, by compulsion, in the rebel army at Richmond. One of them related that, in bold in hand, the result of the public abduction of her husband by an armed press gang, whose urgent invitation to join their party, proved most generally irresistible. Any force prevailed, and her husband was actually torn from embrace, and dragged into a service—servitude is the appropriate word—which is abhorrent.

Such is the gallantry of the *sic dictant* "cavaliers" towards the amiable sex; and this it is that the ranks of their *volunteers* are recruited.

Resignation of Judge Fuller.

Hon. A. G. Fuller, at present Adjutant General of Illinois, has addressed a letter to the officers and members of the bar of McHenry county, resigning his office as Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit of this State. He says:

"As it has been charged in the public press that I have been and am absent from my post of duty on account of the pay attached to the office, I deem it due to myself to say that I have never published in the newspapers, and going to the country, to the discharge, the cause playing quicker and faster; still they closed up, and closed up, and closed up their shutters, and rocks, and darkness and further into that awful arc of certain death; shot and shell, canister and grape, mowed them down, yet firmly as ever did the veterans of Napoleon, they stood, and fell, and fell, and fell. Already the remnant had reached so near that the loud, clear tones of the officers could be distinctly heard, and the orders given and executed. Thousands were killed, but hundreds survived. The guns were doomed. I held my breath, when I saw right from our centre and from the long gr

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THE CITY.

The Great War Meeting.

Upon the first page of this day's issue will be found the programme of the great war meeting to be held this afternoon and evening in the Court House Square.

We need not urge upon our readers the necessity of attendance. Every man appreciates the present emergency and will be there.

Some of the most eloquent speakers in the State will address the meeting. Our patriotic Governor and gallant Adjutant General will be present. We call upon citizens generally to close their places of business, if necessary, in the action of the bankers. Come up with your clerks and employees.

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THE BOARD OF TRADE WAR MEETING.

Munificent Subscriptions.

$20,000 Contributed to the Fund.

NOON SESSION.

The Board of Trade held their usual daily session at noon yesterday, John L. Hancock in the Chair. The following paper was presented and signed by the parties named below:

The undersigned, hereby pledge ourselves to assist in the organization of a regiment, to be called the "Chicago Board of Trade Home Guards," to come under military organization and discipline, and to devote so much time to military drill and instruction as the commanding officer may require, and to aid in every way in the assistance of the State the action of the bankers. Come up with your clerks and employees.

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THE WATER QUESTION.

THE CHICAGO RIVER

ITS FILTH AND NASTINESS.

What Shall be Done With It?

A PLAN FOR RELIEF.

Estimates and Statistics.

The impurity and filthiness of the water in the Chicago River has been the theme of complaint for several months, and numberless plans for relief have been discussed and advocated by the authorities having the water question in charge, and by all interested in the health, prosperity and good name of Chicago. Each project has received intelligent advocacy, but as yet, nothing important looking to the purification of the river has been accomplished. If, in the cooler months of the winter and spring the odor arising from the filthy waters has been offensive, it is not surprising now when the hot sultry summer is upon us, and the river is filled with decayed and decaying matter, the nuisance becomes well nigh intolerable.

Every tug and schooner which moves along our river stirs up the filthy compound, exhaling a sickening odor, which an favoring breezes, is carried to every nook and corner of our city. The perfume is so intense that it permeates our dwellings and mingles its nauseous fumes with the air we breathe, with the water we drink and with the food we eat. Even the sanctity of our sleeping apartments is invaded, and the perfumes from the bottom of the river blended with the exhalations of the Chicago River. No man crosses a bridge in the city, or looks upon the thick and odorous mass without having the conviction forced upon his mind that something must speedily be done to improve its condition, and that the failure to purify the stream will be attended with not only discomfort to our citizens, but a fearful increase in our bills of mortality.

It is no time to argue who is to blame, or what steps shall be taken to remedy the nuisance ten years from this time, when the city shall be better able to encounter the expense, to discuss whether the trouble is produced by the discharge of offal from distilleries, tanneries, and slaughter houses, or whether the trouble arises from the sewerage system.

The palpable fact that the putrid mixture exists, and that something must be done to get rid of it at once, are the questions which it is the duty of the authorities and of every citizen to answer, free from question of expense, although a proper one to be considered in this connection, bound down as our city is by legislative restrictions, dwindles into insignificance, compared with the blow the reputation of Chicago must receive as a healthful and commercial city, if the present condition of affairs be allowed to continue.

There is another light in which this subject must be viewed. That the condition of the river produces a perceptible effect upon the water we drink is admitted, and this consideration alone should be made the foundation of an appeal more urgent if possible than that founded upon personal discomfort, or commercial decline.

To insure a sufficiency of pure water for drinking and for culinary purposes, several plans have been suggested. At the Board of Trade meeting on the 9th inst. the present engineer of the Water Works, Mr. Chesbrough, submitted a plan for the extension of the present system, which, however, was not considered favorably by the Board. Mr. Chesbrough's plan was to extend the present tunnel under the lake, a distance of two miles, and to erect a new crib at the end of the tunnel, and connect it with the present system. The estimated cost of this plan was $1,000,000.

Another plan, which has been discussed by the Board of Public Works, in January 1863, five separate projects were discussed, none of which can exceed $500,000. Each project entirely the requirements of the Board. These were briefly:

First. The extension of an inlet pipe a mile out into the lake at an expense estimated at about $125,000.

Second. A brick tunnel six feet in diameter, and extending a mile into the lake, at an estimated cost of $126,000.

Third.—Removing one of the pumping works to Winetka, sixteen miles north, where the shore rise eighty feet above the lake. The cost of the pipe and tunnel connecting the water with these new works to the city was estimated at $1,089,000, nearly double the cost of the entire present works. The estimated cost of the new buildings, reservoirs and pipes extending into the lake, which would make the whole expenditure not less than $2,000,000.

Fourth.—Filter beds, at an estimated cost of $107,500.

Fifth.—A subsiding reservoir, at an estimated cost of $107,775.

Each of these projects received attention in Board and full-blignt advocacy out of it, but no conclusion was reached that such was not practically impracticable.

The operations of the Board are crippled in some measure by the legislative enactment requiring that in no ordinary case shall the expenditures for any one year exceed the income for that year. This Board, however, we believe, provision made that in case an emergency arises rendering it necessary to expend an unusual amount, the Board may be expended, the payment of which must be provided for from the levy of the succeeding year. This provision was inserted at the hands of the Board, and prevented anything decisive being accomplished in this matter. They have, therefore, been compelled to confine their operations to occasional pumping out of the water into the canal at Bridgport, with results, as experience has demonstrated, entirely inadequate to effect the necessary purification of the stream, and only temporary in its effects, under any circumstances. It is certain that even this partial and inconclusive labor must soon be intermitted, as there exist certain equitable and legal reasons why it should not longer continue.

This is what has been accomplished in the South Branch. In the North Branch nothing has yet been done. The difficulties arise from time to time been suggested as likely to afford temporary relief in that direction. The most practical of these is that every cellar and drain in the city would be overflowed. It would be impossible to estimate by figures the loss which such a catastrophe would entail on our city. The same trouble would be likely to happen upon the breaking of any portion of the machinery now in operation at the stopage of the pumping engines for a day. Other objections might be raised, but enough has been said to show the utter impracticability of the scheme. Other schemes have been devised which upon examination are liable to grave objections.

All agree as to the necessity of keeping our river clean, either by the introduction of water fresh and pure from the lake, or by the removal of the impure water at points so far removed from its mouth as to allow a pure current to rush in up the river. This can be done by canals extending from the lake to the river in each division. The size and location of these canals are, of course, a matter to be determined upon by actual survey.

A plan has recently been submitted to the Board, which seems to us to meet the objections raised to amendments heretofore proposed, and in this article it is our purpose to indicate its salient features. For the sake of keeping the South Branch clean, as proposed, it was proposed in the original sewerage plan to build a canal on North street, twenty feet wide and six feet deep, and pump the water from the lake at the rate of 400 cubic feet per second. To do this would require the construction of a heavy wheel of sufficient capacity to do the work, and an engine of eighty horse power to drive the requisite machinery. The cost of this improvement was estimated at about $75,000.

It built on North street, the length of the canal would be only 3,000 feet, and would be far less expensive there than at any other point. If the canal be built here, as it would be located below the slaughter houses and factories, and the offensive condition of the river, the wheel should be so constructed as to work both ways—that is, to lift fresh water into the river and foul water out of it. Then this canal and improvement would have some effect in removing the nuisance complained of. It is unquestionable that it will be found not to adopt the more expensive and complete remedy named below, it should by all means be tried. Still we are inclined to think it would accomplish the desired purification. Our preferences are decidedly in favor of the more expensive and elaborate plan.

Let a canal be constructed from the head of the South Branch above all the slaughter houses, one mile and a half outside of the City Limits, running along Bridgport avenue to Indiana or Peoria Avenue, and from thence diagonally towards Clearwville, striking the Lake near F. O. Bell's Brewery or the old Starch Factory. Let there be constructed at this point where the shore has that physical conformation which would render practicable the breakwater, a wheel and pumping works. This canal should be left open, because it would cost much less than to build a brick sewer. Of course, if the former plan is adopted, it will be necessary to vacate Doogherty Avenue. This canal, with a slope of one in ten feet, and a half inches wide at top and a half miles long, sixty feet wide and eight feet deep. It would discharge one thousand cubic feet per second, with machinery of four hundred horse power—the same as on one wheel at Bridgeport. The water would reach Bridgeport in a quantity of water, as emptied in the South Branch would create a strong current at all times, sufficient to wash out the impurities. This current would have a current of six inches, sufficient always to keep the water clean, fresh and pure. On Doogher Avenue, and extending from Halsted to the west end is already reached away five feet deep, and a distance of one-half a mile, a consideration not to be lost sight of in estimating the expenditure. The cost of this proposed improvement would be from $150,-000 to $200,000. This is less by $80,000 than the estimated cost of a twelve inch sewer of the capacity of *five hundred* feet per second, which otherwise will eventually have to be built.

If ever the Illinois ship canal should be constructed, and the condition of the river become changed through the operation of that enterprise, or any other cause so as to obviate the necessity for the use of of the canal, whose construction we advocate, our city will possess a symmetrical and harbor commerce have increased to that extent that we shall require another outlet to the lake, and this canal would be just in the right place. One hundred thousand dollars more expended upon it would make it wide enough and deep enough to accommodate the largest vessels navigating our lakes. By that time also, the sewerage system will have been extended over the entire portion of the city this side of the proposed canal, and the system of intercepting sewers may be adopted, in which event, the engine and pumping apparatus will be needed.

A similar plan should be pursued in relation to the improvements on the North Branch. Canals extending from the lake to the river, of capacity with the one proposed to be constructed on the South Branch, can be built on Division street, four and two-thirds miles from the water-works, requiring machinery of 600 horse power. The course of the North Branch is irregular, and some short cuts and considerable dredging would be necessary.

The estimated cost of this canal, including the straightening of the stream, machinery, breakwater, bridges, and land is $368,000. The difference in the cost of the two canals is exceedingly slight, and the greater quantity of excavation on this side. To construct a brick sewer from the lake to the river twelve feet in diameter, a distance of only of 500 cubic feet, with the necessary discharging engine, would cost $300,000. This plan is therefore pronounced the better of the two.

It is estimated that the cost of maintaining the pumping engine on the South Branch, would not exceed $150, and that on the North Branch $1868 for every twenty-four hours.

The Chicago River, with both branches and the two canals, would contain 110,000,000 cubic feet of water, and the pump that total volume of water into the canals and river would require but fifteen hours work. It is said that the pumps could be operated thirty hours each week, it would be sufficient to keep the water fresh and pure. This would make the pumps work but one day and fourteen dollars an hour, amounting in the aggregate to $21,840, or little more than a half mile of sewer of the capacity mentioned within the city. The entire cost, then, of the two canals would be $450,000, of which the former has loaned and the banking fund to meet the debt would amount to, say $30,000; the expenses of maintaining the works would reach $20,000, altogether $50,000. This would necessitate an increase of taxes one and three quarters mills, no inconsiderable item we acknowledge, but considering the $50 Rail Road Bridge at the Starch Factory. Let them